



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 496

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House Bill No. 5407

House of Representatives, April 16, 2018

The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. TONG of the 147th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO PROMOTE EFFICIENCIES IN THE FILING OF HABEAS CORPUS MATTERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
- 2 to study the filing of habeas corpus matters in the state. The task force
- 3 shall examine methods that allow the state to better evaluate an
- 4 application for a writ of habeas corpus at the time of filing in order to
- 5 reduce the number of frivolous applications filed.
- 6 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:
- 7 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 8 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- 9 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
- 10 Representatives;
- 11 (4) One appointed by the Senate Republican president pro tempore;

12 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
13 Representatives;

14 (6) One appointed by the deputy Senate Republican president pro
15 tempore;

16 (7) The chairpersons and ranking member of the joint standing
17 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
18 relating to the judiciary, or their designees;

19 (8) The Chief Court Administrator, or the Chief Court
20 Administrator's designee;

21 (9) The Chief Public Defender, or the Chief Public Defender's
22 designee;

23 (10) The Chief State's Attorney, or the Chief State's Attorney's
24 designee; and

25 (11) The Commissioner of Correction, or the commissioner's
26 designee.

27 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
28 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
29 of the General Assembly.

30 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
31 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
32 filled by the appointing authority.

33 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
34 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
35 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
36 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
37 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

38 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
39 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
40 judiciary shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

41 (g) Not later than January 1, 2019, the task force shall submit a
42 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
43 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
44 relating to the judiciary, in accordance with the provisions of section
45 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date
46 that it submits such report or January 1, 2019, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

JUD *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill establishes a task force to study the filing of habeas corpus matters in the state. The task force shall submit its findings and recommendations to the judiciary committee by January 1, 2019.

This bill has no fiscal impact as PA 17-236 prohibits transportation allowances for task force members.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 39 Nay 0 (03/28/2018)